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Applicants : Wayne A. Hendrickson, et al.
U.S. Serial No. : 09/609,027 Examiner: S. Zhou
Filed : June 29, 2000 Group Art Unit: 1631
For : CONJUGATED LIGANDS FOR THE STIMULATION OF
BLOOD CELL PROLIFERATION BY EFFECTING
DIMERIZATION OF THE RECEPTOR FOR STEM CELL
FACTOR

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2. _____ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
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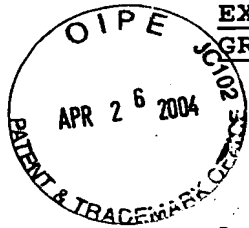
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is being submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination attached herewith, and in response to the August 26, 2003 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. Based on the filing of a Notice of Appeal in connection with the above-identified application on February 26, 2004, an Appeal Brief is due April 26, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment and accompanying Request for Continued Examination, filed in lieu of an Appeal Brief, are being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: